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Twentieth Anniversary

By Kenneth Kovacs

October 1, 2022, marks Dorothy Boulton's twentieth anniversary as associate pastor at Catonsville Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for her ministry with us over the past two decades and for the many ways she serves God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, love—and lots of joy. Join us in worship on Sunday, October 9, when we will give thanks to God and celebrate Dorothy's ministry at Catonsville Presbyterian Church.

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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Celebration on October 9

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Then immediately after worship on October 9, join us in the pavilion for a catered lunch, music, and a special program. All ages are welcome! No reservations are required, but seating in the pavilion will be limited, so bring chairs and a lawn blanket for your family!

For more information, please get in touch with our event coordinator Megan Long at (410) 952-9407 or mhutton1@yahoo.com. We're looking forward to a fun day together and, yes, please pray for good weather!

WELCOME WENDY JOHNSTON

By Kenneth Kovacs

It gives me great pleasure to introduce and welcome our new organist and assistant director of music, Wendy Johnston. Wendy received her Master of Music in organ performance from Peabody Institute in 2022. Prior to Peabody, Wendy studied organ performance at Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, Virginia; receiving a Bachelor of Music in organ performance in 2019. In addition, she holds a Bachelor of General Studies from Brigham Young University, graduating in 2013. During her studies at Peabody Institute, Wendy served as organ scholar and intern at Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore and has worked as a substitute organist for various churches in the Baltimore area. She has directed children's singing groups, worked with adult choirs, and taught numerous piano students in her private piano studio.

Wendy and her husband Steve live in Woodbine, Maryland, and are the parents of three adult children as well as grandparents to three incredible boys. Wendy loves hiking, her vegetable garden, and chocolate. "I look forward to serving Catonsville Presbyterian Church," she told me, "and getting to know everyone."

I would like to thank the members of the search committee—Tom Enokian, Greg Knauf, Lum Offutt, Cynthia Schwanz, and Laurie White—for their tireless, prayerful work to find the right person for CPC. It was a great committee to work with. We owe them a debt of gratitude. Welcome, Wendy!



GROWING IN GRACE

Adult Education Opportunities

By Kenneth Kovacs

JOIN US IN PERSON AT 9 A.M. IN THE LIBRARY. SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS.

THE SECRET OF SEEING

OCTOBER 9

Annie Dillard's masterpiece *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, caught the world by storm when it was published in 1974. Since then, it has helped open the eyes and transform the lives of countless pilgrims and seekers searching for the Holy. This week we'll discuss Maria Popova's beautiful essay that explores a central theme running through Dillard's writings, learning how to see. [Annie Dillard on How to Live with Mystery, the Two Ways of Looking, and the Secret of Seeing](#). Led by Ken Kovacs.

A LETTER ABOUT GOD

OCTOBER 23

In 2000, acclaimed author Reynolds Price (1933-2011) became honorary godfather to Harper Peck Voll. Price composed a letter to the child as a baptism gift, one intended as a brief guide for Harper's spiritual future. "Dear Harper: A Letter to a Godchild About God," sketched the crucial roles that faith had played in Price's life and whittled down those lessons the author felt were most valuable. Price was an American poet, novelist, dramatist, essayist, and James B. Duke Professor of English at Duke University. Apart from English literature, Price had a lifelong interest in Biblical scholarship and wrote eloquently about the Christian life. Led by Linda Meyer.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

TMBS resumes on October 6. Join us on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon in person and online. (The Zoom link will be sent out each week.) We will engage with the Gospel lectionary readings for each upcoming Sunday. Between now and the Reign of Christ Sunday (November 20), the Gospel readings are all in Luke. Starting in Advent, the Gospel readings will be from Matthew. No other text is required other than your Bible. Here are October's texts to read and reflect upon before each study.

October 6 — Luke 17:11-19

October 13 — Luke 18:1-18

October 20 — Luke 18:9-14

October 27 — Luke 19:1-10

O Lord, Thou didst strike my heart with Thy word, and I loved Thee.

~Augustine (354-430), *Confessions*

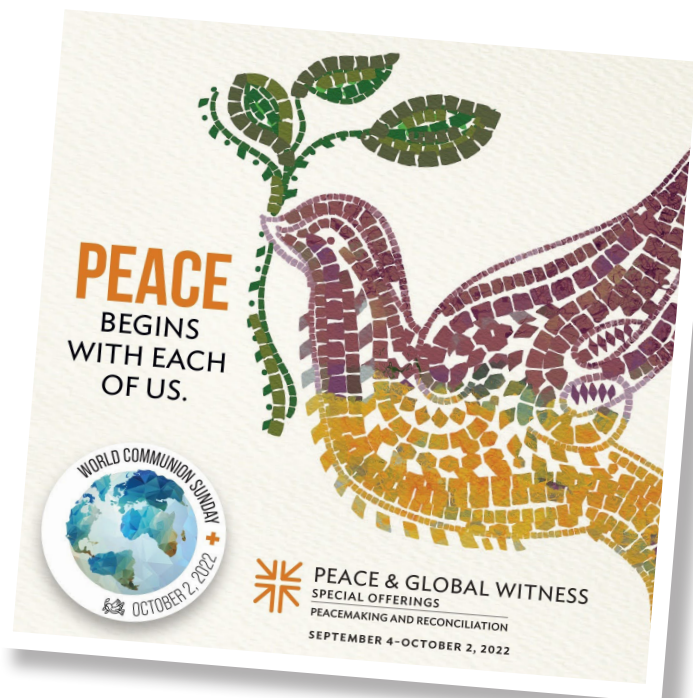
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2

By Kenneth Kovacs

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This would be scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord, and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. This Special Offering of the PCUSA enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. CPC will utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You may give using this QR Code. Thanks for your support.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

By David Hutton

The Session is a body of fifteen members, elected by the Congregation and ordained as ruling elders, who provide leadership for our congregation. Following are highlights from the Session meeting on September 14, 2022.

- Session has settled on October 9, 2022 as the date for the celebration of Dorothy Boulton's 20th anniversary as Associate Pastor at CPC with a catered picnic in the church pavilion. Food and drinks will be provided and no reservations are required, so all are welcome to join the celebration following worship on October 9.
- The Christian Education Committee reported that Kickoff Sunday on September 11 was a success, with a multiage church school class on "Peacemakers," and it was the first Sunday for our new once-a-month Sunday caregiver, Marquita Jackson. Due to bad weather, the youth hike scheduled for Sunday evening became an indoor game night attended by 17 middle and high school youths.
- Session approved a recommendation from the Child Care Council to purchase all new furniture for the Child Care Center. The purchase will be covered by the Center and will assure that the Center's furniture is consistent in quality and appearance. The old furniture will be donated as much as possible.
- The Finance Committee reported that our operating budget is behind on a year-to-date basis, which is predictable after the summer months. Members are encouraged to bring their pledges up to date now that the summer is over. The investment accounts continue to suffer with the down markets but are expected to provide sufficient income to fund the Envision Fund, Building and Grounds, Mission & Advocacy and Ministry Expansion accounts for 2023.
- The Personnel Committee announced the hiring of Wendy Johnston as our new Organist/Associate Music Director, effective immediately. A search continues to fill the Mission Coordinator position.

DONATIONS FOR SEAFARERS

Needed: Calendars and Magazines for Seafarers

The Mission Committee is requesting donations of attractive 2023 calendars and appropriate magazines for the Seafarers Center in Baltimore. Calendars are best if they are colorful and pictorial in nature. This is the time of the year when many environmental and nature groups send out calendars to their contributors. Sometimes similar inexpensive calendars can be found at the various "DOLLAR" stores. These make excellent choices for the Seafarers. The magazines should be of general interest, such as Reader's Digest, National Geographic, and the Smithsonian magazine. Sports and automotive magazines are also popular choices. The Seafarers Center reports that the crews on the ships appreciate the calendars to decorate their living quarters and to help them keep up with the days at sea. The magazines provide information and entertainment.

The Mission Committee would appreciate your help with this early fall project. The deadline for calendar and magazine donations is Sunday, October 30. Clearly marked drop-off boxes can be found on the front porch of the Church House and in the back of the Sanctuary. Note: Information on CPC's Seafarers Christmas bags project will be announced in early November.

YOUTH CORNER

By Jennifer Hutton

As the Christian Education committee works on ways to connect with our youth, we would also like to keep everyone connected with them. Longtime CE member, Sharon Oaks, had the great idea to have a regular section of our newsletter dedicated to our youth. You can look to this space to find youth events within CPC, but we would also like to highlight events going on in the lives of our youth outside the church. For instance, we have many cross country athletes! We encourage parents to let us know about anything you'd like to celebrate about your child. Also, each month, we'll also showcase a class of students. And the first shall be last, as we introduce to you our Seniors!

Kyle attends Howard High School. He is active on the cross country and track teams. He enjoys tinkering, rehabbing Jeep TJs. During Covid, he started a small engine repair and lawn mowing business and employs most of his friends. He enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, ATVing, skiing, and the outdoors. Kyle plans to attend college, likely someplace in the south, seeking a degree in mechanical or aerospace engineering.

Lars attends Mount St Joseph High School. His interests are Rugby, Fantasy Football and Lifeguarding. Lars plans to attend a four year college next year.



YOUTH EVENTS

OCTOBER 9 at 6 p.m.

Middle and high school students are invited to meet for the evening youth group in Fellowship Hall at Church.

OCTOBER 30 at 12 p.m.

Youth of all ages are invited to join us in the Church Woodlands for a Trick or Treat Trail. Have your youth dress up and trick or treat, or be a volunteer to hand out candy.

OCTOBER HIKE

Look for the announcement with the rained out youth hike to be rescheduled.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

By Dorothy Boulton

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

We're presenting Sparks NRSV Bibles to our third graders during worship on Sunday, October 9. If you have a third grader, please send their first/middle/last name to Dorothy Boulton at dboulton@catonsvillepres.org by October 3.

SECOND SUNDAY MINISTRIES

On the second Sunday of the month, October 9, we are offering childcare during worship for infants through age five in the Owls Room from 10 am to noon. Multiage church school for kindergarten through fifth grade meets right after the children's message through the end of the service, in the Giraffes Room. Both are on the second floor of the education wing, down the hall from the sanctuary. Youth group for middle and high school meets from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. in fellowship hall at Catonsville Presbyterian Church.

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Bring your costume to church or feel free to wear it to worship on Sunday, October 30. Children are invited to the CPC woodlands at noon for our Trick or Treat trail. Our volunteers will be handing out candy – and many, many smiles!

KEEP AWAKE: SENIOR HIGH YOUTH RETREAT AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS, NOV 18 - 20

This weekend event for Presbyterian high school youth focuses on dismantling racism, eradicating systemic poverty and building congregational vitality. Heavy stuff, but the work of the gospel in Matthew 25. Cost for our youth is only \$25 but registration is needed by October 6. Please contact Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org if you are ready to commit to this incredible experience. Details are at www.massanettasprings.org/programs/keep-awake.

GATHERING

A great group of students gathered for our first (indoor) Youth Night on September 11. Because of rain our hike needed to be postponed. The next middle and high school youth gathering is on the Second Sunday, October 9, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Catonsville Presbyterian Church. Join us for activities, games, engaging conversation, fellowship, and fun.



Friday Food Drive Through November

The Friday Food Collections have been so successful, we have decided to continue them into the fall. We are collecting all non-perishable food items until Thanksgiving (weather permitting), to benefit the Grace AME Food Pantry. The collection dates are September 30, October 14, October 28, November 11, and November 18. In the small parking lot off of Frederick Road from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Life in Community

George Ellers celebrated his 102nd birthday! Jenny Hutton brought flowers from the sanctuary and a card signed by our church members for the celebration. George was delighted! He and his daughter, Liz, extend their gratitude.

We recently learned that Jim Nesbitt died peacefully in his sleep on August 20, 2022, at the Keswick Multi-Care Center in Baltimore. He was 72. There will be a private service for Jim, and he will be interred with his parents at the family cemetery in Pennsylvania.

We share the sad news that Dorothy "Dot" Kielman died on September 12, 2022. She was 100 (and a half) years old. Dot and her husband Lee (d. 2004) joined Catonsville Presbyterian Church in 1969 and raised their six children here.

Our Financial Resources

We rely on everyone to support what God is doing through this congregation. The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends

■ Income as of Sept. 24, 2022	\$ 503,350
■ Expense as of Sept. 24, 2022	\$ -530,505
■ Total:	\$ -27,155

The Messenger Our Mission

We seek to find and share God's calling for this community of faith through worship, fellowship and service.

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